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1. Report of Permits for April, 2015
 1. Removals - 11
 2. Pruning - 0
 3. Planting - 1
2. Attendance
 1. David Ruyak
 2. Lester Kissinger, Jr.
 3. Robert Reimer
 4. John Slifko
 5. David Moodhart
3. Arborist Report
 1. 900 Madison Avenue
 1. Issues with cherry trees
 2. Councilor Jeff Waltman would like to see what the City will do
 3. Pruning to 14' clearance will remove too much to be able to sustain tree health
 4. Removing 18 trees will only allow for 8 pits to be relocated and trees planted or 5 trees
 5. Possible use of CDBG funds to redo block, including sidewalks
 2. Still waiting on payment from 4 invoices that were sent out to property owners for work that the RSTC paid for
 3. 20 Hazard Tree letters have been sent out in April
 4. New Tree Care Contract will be awarded on May 28th, 2015
4. Chainsaw Safety class was held for the Public Works department
5. Discussion of tree ownership
 1. Currently the trees belong to the property owners
 2. Looking into the possibility of changing the ordinance to put the ownership of the trees on the City
 1. Pros
 1. CoR / RSTC can do what needs to be done without consent or notice
 2. Do not need to wait 60 days for the property owner
 2. Cons
 1. Could be a major burden on the Shade Tree budget
6. Hardship Fund
7. Adopt-a-Tree 2015
 1. Spring report
 1. 7 trees were planted at 5 different locations
 2. Plans for Fall 2015
 1. 8 trees are already requested
 2. L. Kissinger will inspect locations prior to tree order in place
8. Emerald Ash Borer Plan UPDATE
 1. Review of updated plan (Hybrid)
 2. Meeting scheduled with DCNR
9. Reallocation of previous year's budget fund excess

1. New bucket truck purchase
 2. New chipper purchase
10. 2015 Arbor Day Celebration
1. 16th & Haak
 2. Planting 3 zelkovas

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